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Agricultural Summary: Showers and storms concentrated east of the Front Range replenished soil moisture supplies and in some cases, improved crop conditions. Planting activity was slowed as a result of the soggy conditions that followed. Hail was reported in localized areas with damage to crops in some cases. Planting activities throughout the San Luis Valley were in full swing as precipitation was limited to isolated rain events. It was noted that irrigation diversions within the San Luis valley were occurring in greater frequency last week. Overall, mountain snowpack was 189 percent of average as of May 27. Farmers were allowed 5.6 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 15 | 35 | 48 | 2 |
| Last Week | 16 | 36 | 47 | 1 |
| Last Year | 20 | 33 | 46 | 1 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 26 | 29 | 44 | 1 |
| Last Week | 26 | 31 | 42 | 1 |
| Last Year | 38 | 39 | 23 | 0 |

Small Grains: Spring wheat seeding was virtually completed as of last week, with 72 percent was emerged, compared with 75 percent last year and 81 percent on average. Up from 70 percent last week, 91 percent of the spring barley crop had emerged. Eighty-seven percent of the winter wheat crop was jointed, up 19 percentage points from the previous week. Thirty-eight percent was headed, compared with 9 percent last year and 45 percent on average.

Row Crops: Corn plantings retained a lead on last year and the average with 93 percent planted by week's end while 55 percent had emerged. Planting of dry beans were delayed as only 2 percentage points were gained in progress last week, ending on 8 percent complete. Planting of potatoes outside the San Luis Valley was 93 percent complete while 65 percent had emerged, ahead of average in both stages. Planting of potatoes inside the

San Luis Valley was virtually complete by week's end, ahead of last year and average, while 11 percent was emerged. Sorghum planting activities were limited last week with a gain of one percentage point, ending on 25 percent complete. Ninety-one percent of the sugarbeet crop was planted, 29 percent of which was planted last week. Modest progress was realized in the planting of sunflowers last week, ending on 3 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 25, 2014

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Spring Barley | | | | | |
| This Week | 2 | 3 | 22 | 47 | 26 |
| Last Year | 0 | 0 | 31 | 55 | 14 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 0 | 1 | 49 | 49 | 1 |
| Last Year | 10 | 11 | 29 | 33 | 17 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | | |
| This Week | 24 | 16 | 31 | 26 | 3 |
| Last Year | 29 | 20 | 33 | 16 | 2 |

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions were rated 59 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 54 percent was rated fair to good while 69 percent is fair to good on average. The first cutting of alfalfa ended with 7 percent complete by week's end, up from 1 percent previously.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 25, 2014

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2014 | 13 | 26 | 27 | 32 | 2 |
| Prev. Year - 2013 | 21 | 25 | 41 | 13 | 0 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 8 | 20 | 36 | 33 | 3 |

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short.

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 25, 2014

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 1 st Cutting | 7 | 1 | 8 | 14 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Planted | 93 | 83 | 88 | 90 |
| Emerged | 55 | 24 | 53 | 49 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Planted | 8 | 6 | 7 | 17 |
| Potatoes | | | | |
| Inside SLV | | | | |
| Planted | 96 | 65 | 87 | 88 |
| Emerged | 11 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Outside SLV | | | | |
| Planted | 93 | 87 | 96 | 78 |
| Emerged | 65 | 40 | 40 | 39 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Planted | 25 | 24 | 12 | 22 |
| Spring Barley | | | | |
| Emerged | 91 | 70 | 83 | 90 |
| Spring Wheat | | | | |
| Seeded | 97 | 93 | 99 | 98 |
| Emerged | 72 | 55 | 75 | 81 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Emerged | 91 | 62 | 43 | 59 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Planted | 3 | 2 | 9 | 17 |
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Jointed | 87 | 68 | 83 | 91 |
| Headed | 38 | 19 | 9 | 45 |

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Livestock | 0 | 3 | 28 | 63 | 6 |
| Potatoes Outside SLV | 0 | 0 | 30 | 70 | 0 |
| Sugarbeets | 1 | 6 | 30 | 54 | 9 |

season.